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MANIFESTO ISSUED BY TROTSKY TELLS OF CITY'S DANGER

Predicts Petrograd Will Stand Despite Activities of Warring Factions.

RAILWAY TO CAPITAL CITY
IS REPORTED AS DESTROYED

Bridge Across Tosna River Blown
Up, Cutting Communica-
tion Sources.

20,000 TROOPS AT GDOFY

British Airplanes Reported Dropping Bombs, and Fleet Is Said to Have Shelled Fort.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Moscow will be burned before it is surrendered to the anti-Bolshevist forces. This was the

word received here tonight from the radicals in Moscow. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik War Minister, late today issued a manifesto, in which he said:

"Danger again comes to Petrograd. The stock exchanges and the press of the whole world are sharing that joy, predicting the fall of Petrograd. But it is not so."

From Helsinki tonight a message was received stating that a communication from the Northwest Russian army, the army of the Krasnaya Gorka, and claiming that the Petro-

The communication asserts that 20,000 men at Gdoff, on Lake Peipus, and another 10,000 men are gathered near Posen. They declare they will offer strong resistance.

Report Capture of Ligova.

Capture of Ligova, five miles south of Petrograd, is reported in another message received here tonight. General Yudenitch is said to have taken

British airplanes, according to the latest communication, bombed Krasnaya Gorka, southwest of the fortress of Kronstad.

In another message received early this evening from Helsingfors, Finland, the statement was made that the isolation of the former Russian capital almost complete.

The red flag was again flying over the Krastnoyarsk, and that the batteries there had been active during Friday night. The railway junction at Putlovsk, a suburb of Krasnodar, was reported captured in a message received late tonight.

Red Troops Retake Towns.

Red troops which retired from Krasnoyarsk, Selo and Gatchina are reported to have retaken the towns shortly after leaving them. The Soviet army was then launching a counter-offensive, which promises success.

The situation tonight looks slightly less favorable for the anti-Bolshevik forces as it develops that large Red Yudenitch's army which has thus threatened the flank, and 10,000 Bolshevik troops are concentrated in the

Dispatches continue, however, to speak of "the fall of Petrograd" as being "a matter of hours." Troops of the North Russian army are reported to have captured the important harbor town of Revel Friday, taking large stores of ammunition. This army is now said to be only eighteen miles from Petrograd.

Soldiers Ask for Food.

One unconfirmed report says delegates of the workmen of Petrograd and General Gorki have been ordered to ask the government for food.

ready to surrender which the city was short of food supply. They begged him not to bombard the city, the story has it, and he promised to heed their request if the workmen carried out their undertaking.

All those dispatches are taken with considerable skepticism here. The real situation continues to be veiled in obscurity.

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**WASHINGTON IS ADVISED
PETROGRAD HAS FALLEN**
(The Petrograd Herald)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Petrogod has fallen, according to an official dispatch received and made public to night by the State Department. Petrogod had also been wrested from the Bolsheviks.

The announcement was made by Acting Secretary of State Phillips, but it was guarded in its nature because complete confirmation has not yet been received from the Russian diplomatic agent, who is near Petrograd. The State Department's announcement says:

"The fall of Petrograd and the

Mr Phillips added that a direct dispatch, dated today, and received by the State Department from its representative nearest the old Russian capital, stated that the Russian White forces have been officially reported by the general staff of the Finnish army to the Viborg representative of the Northwestern government of Russia."

The first message reporting the Finnish announcement was very brief and dated yesterday. It came from Viborg. It followed unconfirmed reports which have come to the department through Swedish and Russian sources to the effect that the two cities had been taken from the Bolsheviks by attacking forces under General Yudenitch and that with the fall of Fort Gatchina, thirty-five miles from the city, the way to Berlin, the collapse of the old capital was inevitable.

The Bolsheviks are now reported to be concentrating all their forces for a decisive struggle with General Denikin's troops in the south.

FRENCH FORCES UNDER ARMS

Estimates Place Number Ready for Military Duty at Between 650,000 and 700,000.

[By Associated Press.]

PARIS, Oct. 19.—The French forces still under arms number today between 650,000 and 700,000 men, according to semiofficial advices issued today. More than 71,000 officers and men of the navy have been returned to civil life, leaving the naval force with a personnel of between 70,000 and 75,000.